

Designs of the Banana Tyranny

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DESTRUCTION OF A RACE.

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July 6, 1944 "in all this system of hardship recommended by Pemberton and Lazarus, the Jew..... We must acquire and become owners of as much national territory, as well as private property, and of all the resources which our acquisitive capacity will permit, and with our power of absorption. We must obtain concessions, privileges, franchises, abrogation of custom duties, exonerate ourselves of all public charges or encombrances and of all taxes and obligations which will diminish our profits and our associates. We must create for ourselves a privileged condition, to impose our commercial philosophy and economic defense. It is indispensable to cultivate the imagination of these enslaved peoples, attract them to the idea of our greatness and in a general manner, attract the politicians and bosses whom we need. Observation and careful study will allow us to insure the fact that these peoples, degraded by alcohol, can be assimilated for the purposes needed, and it is our purpose to subject them to our will, the privileged class which we will need for our exclusive benefit, because these as well as the others, in general, do not have convictions, character, and much less patriotism, and their only desire is position and dignity, which once obtained, we can make more desirable. These men must not act on their own initiative, they must act in the sense of the determining factors and under our immediate control.... We do have need of their country, their natural resources, their shores and their ports, which we must acquire little by little. In a general manner, all the words and thoughts must revolve around these words: power, material wellbeing, work fields, discipline and system.... There must be no considerations or benefits, in fact, no generous impulses. --We must produce the disruption of the incipient economy of the country, in order to increase their troubles and facilitate our purposes. We must prolong their tragic, stormy and revolutionary life. -- H. V. ROLSTON."

Such were the doctrines contained in the barbaric Rolston Plan, for the colonization of Honduras, which must be remembered by us at all times, because it condenses the gangster philosophy of the imperialistic Yankee Companies and which includes all the savage hatred that they have towards our people of Honduras, whom they superexploit and deprive of all its national wealth, but also murder as well.

A consequence of this hatred is the horrible crime of genocide committed in San Pedro Sula on July 6, 1944, actually executed by the Cabinet headed by Tiburcio Carias Andino, instigated by the very United Fruit Company.

This collective crime moved the entire world because of the magnitude of its brutality and its ferocity, and can only be compared to the atrocities committed by the Nazis in the Second World War and those committed at present in Korea by the Yankee Neofascists.

It is the inevitable duty of every honest Honduran to vindicate the memory of our martyred countrymen, particularly because the Yankee John D. Erwin, serving the Companies in his capacity of Ambassador in Honduras in those bitter days of hateful memories for the Hondurans, defiled their names by denying them their rights as human beings, informing the world press that there had been no such crime, that it was a matter of some "four dead communists", and in this manner becoming the partisan of the murderers who committed this horrible crime in the holocaust of the United Fruit Company.

In the near future, we will name villages and fields, streets and schools for the "Martyrs of San Pedro Sula" to perpetuate their memory.

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The responsibility of this great crime falls upon the regime of Tiburcio Carias Antino and the United Fruit Company, more aggravated by the fact that the Company has adopted the criminals, rewarding them with great benefits and elevating them to high positions, parading their crime with impunity and wealth, instead of being condemned to jail forever.

This terrible crime was committed at the very time when humanity was waging gigantic and decisive battles against Hitler's fascism, which had bathed the world in blood attempting to impose the yoke of slavery.

But we must not forget the fact that while the battles for liberty were being fought, General Carias and his gang were toasting champagne for every triumph of the German fascists as they did at the fall of Sebastopol, Odessa and other anti-fascist Russian strongholds, in spite of the fact that the Tiburcian Cabinet pretended to be on the side of the democracies.

But what was the object of this ferocious, stupid and unnecessary crime?

The answer is clear as the noon day sun. It was committed on the basis of a preventive plan: coldly calculated and plotted behind the scenes in the offices of La Lima, the capital of gangsterism in the Caribbean.

As we have asserted previously, its fundamental objectives were:

1.-- To prove to the people of Honduras that the traitors in power were capable of committing the most monstrous crime at any time in order to defend the interests of the United Fruit Company.

2.-- To paralyze beforehand any liberating attempt by the people, as the repercussion of the world victory over the Nazi-Fascist Axis, and to prevent in the future any liberating advance influenced by the propaganda of the Allied Nations, of which the United States of North America were members, who proclaimed and signed the Atlantic Charter for the right of autodetermination of the countries to govern themselves. And under which promise the sister republics of El Salvador and Guatemala had risen against their executioners.

3.-- With that act of vandalism, the Gringo Imperialists proposed to warn and prove once and for all, ~~that~~ to all the people, that they had no intention of complying with the doctrines of the Atlantic Charter.

4.-- To avert a banana strike about to break out in the vast Banana Empire as a consequence of the bestial treatment given to the laborers. Everybody is a witness that in those days there was great unrest on the North Coast among the gringos, who were fearful of the coming events as the consequence of the newly created condition.

In addition to the banana bailiffs, agitators planted by the Bananera also participated in the killing. These agitators had previously infiltrated the P.D.R.H. for the purpose of betraying it to the same company.

We must never forget that in this collective murder of our countrymen, they applied a refined Nazi technique, under which hundreds of men and women fell forever. And what is more monstrous, children carrying their books as they came out of school at the time of the crime, were also murdered.

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